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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 2 Percent From Last Year

On June 1, 2012, Arizona had 282,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 8,000 head from a year ago, but up 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 36,000 head during May, 8,000 head more than a year ago. During May 29,000 head were marketed, an increase of 10,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2012, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 30,000 head from last year and up 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 70,000 head during May, down 1,000 head from last year. During May 53,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 6,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on June 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.09 million, 15 percent above 2011. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 520,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 530,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 672,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.02 million, 1 percent above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 100,000 during May, 23 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2011-2012

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During May			Number Marketed During May			Other Disappearance During May 2/		
	June 1, 2011	May 1, 2012	June 1, 2012			2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
			Number	as % of 2011	as % of May 1									
	1,000 Head			*Percent*		*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
AZ	**290**	**276**	**282**	**97**	**102**	**28**	**36**	**129**	**19**	**29**	**153**	**1**	**1**	**100**
CA	460	475	490	107	103	71	70	99	59	53	90	2	2	100
CO	1,080	1,030	1,020	94	99	140	180	129	150	170	113	10	20	200
ID	230	215	210	91	98	36	29	81	35	32	91	1	2	200
IA	610	650	640	105	98	47	59	126	73	64	88	4	5	125
KS	2,110	2,080	2,090	99	100	375	445	119	420	415	99	15	20	133
NE	2,190	2,460	2,360	108	96	340	460	135	495	540	109	25	20	80
OK	355	295	320	90	108	66	81	123	65	54	83	1	2	200
SD	235	245	235	100	96	33	38	115	50	43	86	3	5	167
TX	2,760	2,710	2,770	100	102	560	580	104	520	500	96	10	20	200
WA	193	224	220	114	98	39	43	110	44	46	105	2	1	50
Other Sts	389	450	445	114	99	75	66	88	72	69	96	7	2	29
US	10,902	11,110	11,082	102	100	1,810	2,087	115	2,002	2,015	101	81	100	123

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

May Milk Production Up 2.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2011. April revised production at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 2011. The April revision represented an increase of 38 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,924 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 77,000 head more than May 2011, but 3,000 head less than April 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, May 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Percent change from 2011
	1,000 Head		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
AZ	**186**	**194**	**2,140**	**2,155**	**398**	**418**	**5.0**
CA	1,767	1,783	2,080	2,100	3,675	3,744	1.9
CO	126	132	2,040	2,105	257	278	8.2
FL	119	123	1,725	1,785	205	220	7.3
ID	578	578	1,980	2,030	1,144	1,173	2.5
IL	98	100	1,700	1,720	167	172	3.0
IN	171	176	1,825	1,855	312	326	4.5
IA	208	206	1,860	1,855	387	382	-1.3
KS	122	124	1,855	1,895	226	235	4.0
MI	364	375	2,040	2,050	743	769	3.5
MN	468	465	1,680	1,690	786	786	
MO	96	94	1,360	1,390	131	131	
NM	327	337	2,180	2,145	713	723	1.4
NY	610	610	1,845	1,890	1,125	1,153	2.5
OH	268	271	1,680	1,735	450	470	4.4
OR	121	123	1,790	1,805	217	222	2.3
PA	543	536	1,730	1,715	939	919	-2.1
TX	430	440	1,955	1,925	841	847	0.7
UT	87	91	1,810	1,865	157	170	8.3
VT	135	133	1,655	1,675	223	223	
VA	96	96	1,585	1,585	152	152	
WA	261	266	2,055	2,075	536	552	3.0
WI	1,266	1,271	1,805	1,840	2,285	2,339	2.4
23-State Total	8,447	8,524	1,902	1,924	16,069	16,404	2.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Pork Production at Record High for May

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in May, up 7 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in May 2011.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 2 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 1 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,200 head, down 3 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from last year, at 295 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.28 million head, up 9 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was up 5 percent from May 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,400 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 151 pounds, up 8 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2012 commercial red meat production was 20.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	May 2012 as % of 2/	
				May 2011	April 2012
		Million Pounds		*Percent*	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	**32.6**	**32.5**	**32.3**	**99**	**99**
United States					
Beef	2,131.9	1,990.6	2,232.0	105	112
Veal	10.3	9.9	10.4	101	105
Pork	1,759.7	1,841.7	1,926.8	109	105
Lamb and Mutton	12.9	12.9	13.6	105	105
Total Red Meat	3,914.8	3,855.0	4,182.8	107	109

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.
2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.
3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - May 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - May			January - May		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	**226.2**	**292,763**	**1,297**	13,472.1	17,386115	1,294
Hogs	**0.7**	**187**	**254**	46,215.0	12,851,307	278

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

United States Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012 was 65.8 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 1 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.09 for the March-May period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2012 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for September-November 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2011, but up slightly from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 45 percent last year.

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June Farm Prices Received Index Increased 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.7 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, oranges, eggs, and broccoli and lower prices for hay, corn, soybeans, and broilers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of wheat and hay offset the decreased marketing of oranges, corn, cattle, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from June 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 170, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from last month but decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from June 2011.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The June Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 215 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from May but 12 points (5.9 percent) above June 2011. Higher prices in June for complete feeds, concentrates, nitrogen, and supplements offset lower prices for diesel, hay & forages, LP gas, and gasoline.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2011 June	2012 May	2012 June
Prices Received	180	178	181
Prices Paid	203	215	215
Ratio 1/	89	83	84

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, June 2011 and 2012 and May 2012

Commodity	Unit	June-11 Entire Month	May-12 Entire Month	June-12 Mid-Month
Arizona				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	**8.13**	**1/**	**1/**
Alfalfa Hay 2/	$ Ton	**230.00**	**255.00**	**245.00**
All Milk 3/	$ Cwt	**21.00**	**15.40**	**14.90**
United States				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	0.833	0.846	0.831
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	9.18	8.95	9.04
Alfalfa Hay 2/	$ Ton	180.00	21500	201.00
Cows 4/	$ Cwt	75.90	87.70	86.80
Steers & Heifers	$ Cwt	110.00	125.00	125.00
Beef Cattle 5/	$ Cwt	107.00	122.00	122.00
Calves	$ Cwt	133.00	176.00	171.00
All Milk 3/	$ Cwt	21.10	16.20	16.10

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
2/ Mid-month.
3/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies
4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.